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## PROTRACTED RELIEF AND RECOVERY OPERATIONS APPROVED BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR (1 JANUARY–30 JUNE 2010) — GHANA 200046

### Assistance to Food-Insecure Households Vulnerable to Drought, Floods and High Food Prices

Number of beneficiaries	423,250
Duration of project	24 months (1 January 2010–31 December 2011)
WFP food tonnage	27,785 mt
<b>Cost (United States dollars)</b>	
WFP food cost	11,858,030
Total cost to WFP	22,013,370

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## ABSTRACT

1. The food and nutritional security of the most vulnerable people in Ghana continues to be threatened by climate- and market-related shocks. Floods destroyed large areas of cultivated land during the 2007 and 2008 cropping seasons, leaving farmers with reduced food stocks and damaged assets. Subsequent shocks, including the impact of global financial crisis and high food and fuel prices, have prevented recovery. The affected population resides in the poorer northern areas of the country, with 450,000 food-insecure people in the Upper-West, Upper-East and Northern regions.
2. Ghana is a low-income, food deficit country that ranks 152<sup>nd</sup> out of 182 countries in the 2009 human development index. Some 18 percent of Ghana's population is classified as extremely poor; 54 percent of the country's poor live in the three northern regions, where 59 percent of the population live in extreme poverty. In 2008, the prevalence of global acute malnutrition in the three northern regions was 13 percent, and a stunting rate of 32 percent in the northern savannah is comparable to those in Sahelian countries. Child anaemia prevalence hovers around 86 percent in the three northern regions, while the national rate is 78 percent. There are more than 273,000 people living with HIV (PLHIV), 58 percent of whom are women and girls. In northern areas, the combination of shocks has compounded PLHIV's vulnerability to food insecurity, increasing the risk of a deterioration in their nutritional status. Ghana hosts 24,000 refugees from Sierra Leone, Togo and Liberia in camps and settlements. WFP has been assisting the most vulnerable and food-insecure refugee households.
3. Protracted relief and recovery operation (PRRO) 200046 aims to improve the food and nutritional security of food-insecure households in the three northern regions. Specific objectives are consistent with WFP Strategic Objective 1: i) to save lives, reduce acute malnutrition among children under 5, and prevent malnutrition among pregnant and lactating women, including in refugee populations; and ii) to improve the food consumption of vulnerable people, including PLHIV and their households; and Strategic Objective 2: to assist early recovery of communities affected by successive shocks, through the creation and protection of assets and livelihoods.
4. These objectives support Millennium Development Goals 1, 4, 5 and 6, and fall within Ghana's Savannah Accelerated Development Authority (SADA) strategic framework for addressing regional disparities in malnutrition, the impacts of recurrent natural disasters and food insecurity. SADA will collaborate with WFP, the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Children's Fund and non-governmental organizations in 26 affected districts in the north.
5. Over the two-year PRRO period, a total of 423,250 beneficiaries will be assisted through relief assistance to 53,000 vulnerable people, including refugees; targeted supplementary feeding for 108,000 children under 5 and 79,000 pregnant and lactating women; and support for 12,000 food-insecure PLHIV on anti-retroviral treatment and for 48,000 household members of PLHIV. Food for work will target 99,000 people for early recovery, and food for training a further 24,250 people.